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August 25, 2006

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street NW - Suite 534
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Vigo County, IN
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 674X)

Dear STB - SEA:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on August 25, 2006, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of the CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated August 16, 2006 and received August 24, 2006 from Mr. Eddy Adams of the USDA - NRCS stating "The environmental impact of abandoning this railroad should not have negative impacts on prime farmland as long as affected drainage-ways are maintained free of debris, blocked culverts, bridges or maintenance of tree growth."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of Dave Geraci, written in black ink.

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Steven Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 674X

Notice of Exemption from Railroad Milepost 0ZF 5.0 (near Terre Haute) to the end of track at Railroad Milepost 0ZF 12.4 (near Riley), known as the Riley Spur, Vigo County, Indiana.

Agency response (check one):

☐ No Environmental Impact

☒ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Since the established NRCS planning procedures evaluate long-term effects on soil, water, air, plants & animals, it should be noted that the local community should not lose total control of the right-of-way in order to develop long-range plans for transporting agricultural goods to and from the County seat. We should not be short-sighted in future decisions

Date:

August 16, 2006

Signature:

Eddy Adams

Name:

Eddy J. Adams

Title:

USDA-NRCS

The environmental Impact of abandoning this Railroad should not have negative impacts on prime farmland as long as affected drainage-ways are maintained free of debris, blocked culverts, bridges or maintenance of tree growth.

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July 12, 2006

USDA - NRCS
Terre Haute Service Center
3241 South 3rd Place
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Railroad Milepost OZF 5.0 (near Terre Haute) to the end of track at Railroad Milepost OZF 12.4 (near Riley), a distance of 7.4 miles known as the Riley Spur, Vigo County, Indiana as depicted on the attached map.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3)(ii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land."

Please advise if any of the land contiguous to CSXT's line in the project area is classified as prime agriculture land.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity and include any comments received from your office.

Further enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,



Attachment